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1. DISCUSSION OF ARNO'S COVER AND PLAN TO SET UP LABORATORY
2. KRON
3. LINZA'S MOVE TO YAKOV'S TOWN, LIBERAL TO GO THERE AND PUT THEM IN CONTACT

(1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1797

20 December 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

Your No. 5740[ii].

We have been discussing his cover with ARNO[iii]. ARNO's note about his setting up a laboratory was sent in postal despatch No. 8 of 24 October. As the subject on which to work ARNO chose "Problems of the Practical Application Under Production Conditions of the Process of Thermal Diffusion of Gases". In his note ARNO envisages concluding agreements with firms. At first he said that our help was not needed: now he explains that not more than two thousand will be needed. For our part we consider that ARNO does not give sufficient consideration to all the difficulties of organising a laboratory and has not, as yet, adequately worked out the chances of reaching agreements with interested firms - on the conclusion of agreements with which he is counting heavily. I suggested to him that he should study the possibilities in greater detail. The picture will not become clearer before the end of January. ARNO intends to open the laboratory in his own town.

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A detailed report on KRON's[iv] office was sent in postal despatch No. 9. Let us know whether we should repeat this by telegraph.

No. 978

LINZA[v] and his wife have left for YAKOV's[vi] town. At the end of December LIBERAL[vii] will go there and will put LINZA in touch with YAKOV. Before making the move, LINZA and his wife visited the town and took an apartment, the address of which we reported in letter No. 9. LINZA sold his house and spent part of the money on the move. We gave him a once for all payment of 500: I consider that

[24 groups unrecoverable]

Footnotes: [i] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.

[ii] Not available. Also referred to in NEW YORK's No. 1749 of 13 December 1944 [REDACTED]

[iii] ARNO: Formerly covername "GUS'", ie "GOOSE"; Harry GOLD; resident in PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

[iv] KRON: ie "CHROME-YELLOW"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in NEW YORK's No. 19 of 4 January 1945 [REDACTED]

[v] LINZA: ie "LENS"; Michael SIDOROVICH (wife Anne, née HANUSIAK); moved from NEW YORK State to CLEVELAND, OHIO.

[vi] YAKOV: Formerly covername "GNOM", ie "GNOME"; William PERL (formerly MUTTERPERL).

[vii] LIBERAL: Formerly covername "ANTENNA"; Julius ROSENBERG.

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